(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no statutory control over the quality of disposable syringes, needles and even transfusion kits sold in the market; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to standardise such items and to bring them under the purview of law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) All the State Health Authorities have been addressed to strictly *adhere* to proper sterilisation practices in the hospitals, dispensaries, health care units etc. and to use pre-sterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible.

Disposable syringes, needles and transfusion sets have not been notified as yet as drugs. However, a sub-Committee on the Drugs Consultative Committee (a statutory Committee under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act having representatives of all the State Government as members) has framed the standards for the following devices.

1. Disposable perfusion set.
2. Disposable Hyperdermic Syringe.
3. Disposable Hyperdermic Needles .

These recommendations will be placed before the Drugs Technical Advisory Board for approval whereafter the process to notify necessary amendment to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act will be undertaken.

Communal author's book in the Syllabus

2031. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a policy no text book in schools, colleges and universities is recommended which preaches communalism or rouses communal feelings;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 27th June, 1986, wherein it has been stated that in Punjabi University Hindi syllabus, a communal author's book has been prescribed; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Text books used in schools are prescribed by the Schools Boards and for colleges by the respective universities. As a rule text books preaching communalism or which rouse communal feelings are not prescribed.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the Punjabi University. the University has decided to drop the study of Guru Dutt's novel 'Mahakal' from the courses of study in Hindi.

Death of patient due to negligence

2032. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-tiem which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" of 12th July, 1986 under the caption "Doctors woke up after she had collapsed";

(b) whether Government has received a complaint from the husband of the deceased;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the persons found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) to (e) Smt. Sudarshna Sud, the patient, was brought to the Casualty of AIIMS on 25-4-86 at about 8.40 A.M. She was promptly seen by the Casualty

Medical Officer and the House Surgeon. The patient was a known case of Arthritis, Hypertension, Chronic Renal failure and presented in the Casualty with weakness of Pelvic girdle muscles of three days duration. Her blood pressure and pulse were recorded. No sweating or breathing trouble was noted when she was examined. The patient was found to be mildly dehydrated with no edema and had clear chest. She was referred by the Casualty Medical Officer to the Medical O.P.D. and the Medical Officer of the O.P.D. found that hospitalisation was necessary and the case was referred back to the Casualty obtaining Neurological consultation for muscle weakness. The patient was received back in the Casualty but she collapsed soon after her arrival and in spite of resuscitative measures. she could not be revived. The representation addressed to the Health Minister by Shri R. C. Sud, husband of late Smt. Sud was referred to the Grievances Committee of the Institute and that Committee after detailed inquiry found that the patient was promply attended to in the Casuaty and no one was found negligent in the discharge of his duties.

Chain Snatching at Madras Airport

2033. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
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Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some policemen were recently found indulged in chain snatching at Madras airport;

(b) whether these policemen were connected with the airport security; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against these policemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. No chain-snaching incident occurred inside the airport premises.

(b) and (c). Questions do not arise.

Vocationalisation of education

2034. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kulandai Commission on vocationalisation of education has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are its recommendations and what is Govenment's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when its recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendations have been taken into consdieration while formulating the National Policy on Education-1986, and programme of action on vocationalisation. The programme of action thus formulated has been placed before the Parliament for consideration.

Affairs of the Delhi Urdu Academy

2035. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the money spent by the Delhi Urdu Academy under the Delhi Administartion on dinners, luncheons, etc, during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) the number of cultural programmes *i.e.* Mushaira, Shame-e-Ghazal and Shame-Qawali organised by the above Academy and the expenditure incurred on these programmes during the last two years; and

(c) what are the names/addresses of literary/cultural Religious and social organisations to whom the Academy has given financial assistance during the abovementioned period and what are the criteria of giving such financial assistance to such organisations or Societies run by individuals?